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DARMOPIL, Johann

On 21 July 1959, Department KD-2, Police Headquarters, Police Presidium, Munich PU9135, Germany, furnished Region IV, 66th CIC Group, Munich, Germany, with a copy of the following named documents pertaining to SUBJECT, which have been translated and are attached as exhibits:

Continuation of Statement by SUBJECT, EXHIBIT _____ dated 1 July 1959.

Record of Preliminary Hearing in the DARMOPIL case, EXHIBIT _____ dated 24 June 1959.

Warrant of Arrest, accused DARMOPIL, EXHIBIT _____ undated.

Two letters from the Office of the Prosecutor, Munich I, EXHIBITS _____ and _____ dated 25 June 1959.

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STATEMENT

Having been produced from the police jail,

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Johann DARMOPIL

personal data known,

continued HIS statement of 23 June 1959 as follows:

I had time in the meantime to mull everything over, and I found that the statements I made heretofore were not entirely correct. This does not mean that I made false statements, it merely means that there was another chronological order, and that the establishment of relations in particular was different. I shall make truthful statements now.

As I already stated, I tried to get my daughter Eva to West Germany from the CSR in 1951/52. At that time she was still a minor. Inasmuch as I wanted to get her officially expatriated, I wrote several petitions to various offices or authorities, to wit:

- 1) Ministry of the Interior, Prague, 7 to 10 petitions.
- 2) CSR President Gottwald or Zapotocky, 2 petitions.
- 3) The CSR Military Mission, Berlin-Dahlem, 5 petitions.
- 4) The Bruenn National Committee, 1 petition.
- 5) Ministry of the Interior, Prague, 5 petitions to issue a passport to my daughter.
- 6) The US High Commissioner for Germany, 1 petition.
- 7) German Red Cross, Bonn, 1 petition.
- 8) Central Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, 1 petition.
- 9) Office of the West German Chancellor, 1 petition.
- 10) Association for the Reunion of Children, Hamburg, 1 petition and assorted letters.
- 11) Austrian Consulate, Vienna, 1 petition.
- 12) Office of the former CSR Consulate, Munich, Kaiserstrasse, 1 petition.
- 13) Office of the CSR Trade Company, Frankfurt/Main, 1 petition.

EXHIBIT I

REGION IV (MUNICH)

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the petitions listed under 1 through 11 were fulfilled. I said they were not competent. I received directives from the offices under 12 and 13 telling me how to proceed. The Munich office advised me to contact the CSR Trade Bureau at Frankfurt/Main. I filed a petition with this Trade Bureau as late as in early 1953. Shortly thereafter, I received the visit of one Herr Urban of this Trade Bureau at Frankfurt, who came to see me at my Munich house. He stated that he happened to be in Munich on business, and that he availed himself of this occasion to let me have information concerning my petition. He said that while it was true that the Frankfurt Trade Bureau was not competent to handle this matter, it was also true that he knew some people at the CSR Consulate in Vienna who could be of help to me. When my wife started crying, he promised himself to intervene with the Vienna Consulate.

It took only one or two weeks - to the best of my recollection it was in March 1953 - before one Herr Schoenych from Vienna visited me at my house. He stated that he had come in behalf of the CSR Consulate in Vienna in connection with the case of my daughter. He handed me a short letter with no return address, which read as follows:

"Dear Herr Barnack, I have been advised of the case of your daughter, and I request that you come and see me in Vienna.

Pospishil."

Schoenych and I stipulated at what time I shall call on the Vienna Consulate. I believe I planned to go to Vienna next Friday or Saturday. The statements on Schoenych made in the course of the previous interrogation were true and correct. At the time I showed Schoenych the town, and he returned to Vienna in the evening.

I stand corrected again:

I recall now that I gave the wrong year. It did not happen in March 1953, it happened in March 1954.

The weekend after Schoenych's visit, on 12 March 1954 I went to Vienna, to the CSR Consulate. My wife accompanied me. We arrived in Vienna by train in the early evening hours and booked a room at the Hotel Zosch. Next morning, as planned, my wife and I went to the Consulate. Before we went there, however, I inquired with the local police station whether my visit of the CSR Consulate would be dangerous. I was told that two police officers operating out of this precinct station were posted in front of the Consulate. I was told that these officers will be relieved presently, so that I could accompany the two officers to Pöschingerstrasse, the location of the Consulate. That is what we did. When I arrived there, I gave the receptionist the letter of Herr Pospishil, saying that I wanted to see him. Before long, this man (my wife was also present) took us to a room on the first floor and told us to wait there. I wish to state that this receptionist, prior to leading us to that room, locked a door between the lobby and the gate so that we were unable to walk out without being seen. We had not been waiting long in this room when a man came in who said his name was Pospishil. I again made my plea concerning the expatriation of my daughter. He stated that he was familiar with the case and that there was a

chance that he might be of help. We kept whining and yammering so as to make Pospishil realize that a reunion of the daughter and her parents really meant a lot to us. The telephone rang during the conversation, Pospishil asked us to excuse him now - after he had talked over the telephone - because he had been called to report to the consul. He told us to be back in an hour. My wife and I left the consulate and waited at a tavern. An hour later we again called on Pospishil at the Consulate. Pospishil told me that I would be required to write a new petition concerning expatriation of my daughter to Bavaria. Owing to the fact that office hours were over at the time, I was unable to write the petition at the Consulate. The next day, however, was a Sunday or a holiday, so that I would have had to stay in Vienna till Monday. Pospishil, however, was considerate enough to tell me that I could meet him the next day around 0900 hours at the West Bahnhof. He said that he will dictate to me a petition. Next day we went to the Westbahnhof, where we actually met Pospishil. He took us to a tavern where he dictated to me a petition for expatriation of my daughter. I believe he had brought the paper for this purpose. Pospishil told us that Prague will pass on the petition, and he said he felt that the petition will be granted. We spent about an hour or 1 1/2 hours with Pospishil at that place. The conversation dealt with the expatriation of Eva. When I asked Pospishil when and from whom I shall get word, he replied that I had better come and see him again, because the official channels went via the Military Mission in Berlin, and that could take several months. He told me to see him again in three weeks, I believe the date set was 3 April 1954. He would meet us at 1900 hours at the Westbahnhof.

2nd journey to Vienna and first rendezvous with Pospishil

On 3 April 1954 - I believe it was on a Saturday - my wife and I boarded a train and went to Vienna where we planned to meet Pospishil as per appointment. Our train arrived a bit ahead of time so that we waited for Pospishil at the Westbahnhof till 1900 hours, at which time he did arrive. Pospishil again took us to a tavern. He told us that Prague had approved of the expatriation of Eva, but that will take some 3-4 months. Our conversation was absolutely trivial. When my wife went to the powderroom, Pospishil told me to meet him next day at the Westbahnhof at 8 or 8:30. He made a point of the fact that I must not bring my wife with me. Shortly thereafter we left Pospishil and returned to the Hotel Zeech. I told my wife that Pospishil wanted to see me alone next day. At the time set I went to the Westbahnhof where I met Pospishil. He took me to a tavern. I don't know its name but it was not the same place where we had been previously. Pospishil told me bluntly that he had straightened out this matter but that I would have to do something for him now. When I asked him what I would be required to do, he replied that I had fluent command of Czech and that I could easily establish contact with local Czechs. Moreover, he said, in my capacity of civil service official I should know lots of things which might be of interest to him. Though I did not directly say, "no" he noticed that I was not agreeable and promptly said that I should leave it and that Eva was not yet in Munich. Right at that place he made me prepare a personal history statement. I was also required to tell the names of Czech emigrants whom I knew. I recall that the only names I gave him at the time were two emigrants, Wilhelm Plotina and one Herr Dunkel. I have known them both back in the CSR, they were at Camp Valke at that time. I did not have to describe the character of those two men. After I had completed

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the personal history statement he dictated to me an undertaking which - to the best of my recollection - ran as follows: "I undertake to furnish information on Czech emigrants in Germany to the Czechoslovak Republik or the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service." I had to sign this undertaking with my true name as well as with the cover name "Doernberg" which he had given me a short time before. It is possible that the written undertaking contained another sentence but I don't recall it any longer. I was also required to tell Pospishil about my office, particularly about the field of my work. When I told him that I was with the Court of Contentious Litigation and that I was preparing Payment Orders his interest in this subject diminished. I wish to state that I already worked at this time for the Court of Execution, handling compulsory auctions and receiverships. I withheld this fact from Pospishil so that he could not ask me what real property had been foreclosed and will be auctioned off. He instructed me to describe till our next meeting, set for one month later, what I had been doing since I was released from the POW camp, how I came to join the Bavarian Judiciary Service, and what Czechs I knew in Bavaria. Moreover, I was to get acquainted with other Czechs. I was also to describe the character of those Czechs. Pospishil also gave me four letters, addressed to residents of Prague, which I was to mail in Munich. The letters had no return address, the envelopes had different colors. I recall that two letters were addressed to some officers, I believe to a staff captain and a captain in Prague, whose names I no longer recall, and the other two to some civilians. One of them was a woman. I know neither their names nor their addresses. I merely recall that both these persons resided in Prague. My instructions were: mail one letter at the Munich Main Railway Station right after my arrival, the other next day, the third in a week, and the fourth 10 days later. I no longer recall the order in which I was to mail them, at the time I put the mailing dates on the respective letters. I cannot tell either at this time whether there were any stamps on the letters or whether I had to put stamps on. I mailed them as per orders. Inasmuch as I was not allowed to open them I cannot tell what they contained. Pospishil also told me not to bring my wife to the next rendezvous. When I told him, however, that I was sick and that this was one reason why I wanted to have her accompany me, he agreed that I do so. Pospishil also gave me an amount of DM 350, for which I had to receipt.

On the same day my wife and I returned to Munich. I then wrote my report as per orders. I listed no judges or prosecutors as Pospishil had not asked me to do so, after I had told him that I was with the Court of Contentious Litigation. In this report I listed the names of the following emigrants:

Stanislav Strohhal
Jaroslav Dvorscek
Johann Kroliczek
Wilhelm Plotica
(Kau) Dunkel

I also stated where these persons worked, where they lived, etc. I likewise described their character. I recall that none of these persons worked for a government agency or the Americans at that time. Strohhal and Kroliczek later worked for the Americans, which fact I probably reported to Pospishil later on.

3rd journey and 2nd meeting with Pospishil in Vienna

As per arrangement, my wife and I went to attend this meeting. I don't recall whether it took place one or two months after the first meeting. It must have been in or about May or June 1954. I again met Pospishil around 1900 hours at the Westbahnhof. My wife, too, met Pospishil. After Pospishil had greeted her I fixed a place where I would meet her later and she left. Pospishil and I again went to a tavern. There I gave him the report as I had been ordered. Pospishil casually scanned the report but he did not tell whether he was satisfied. Owing to the fact that I was reluctant to carry out these missions it occurred to me to tell Pospishil that I might apply for a job with the Bonn Foreign Office, where they wanted people who had command of foreign languages. Pospishil immediately approved of this suggestion, he was very much in favor, for that matter. I thought that being hired by the Foreign Office would take some four months or more and that Pospishil would give me no assignments in the meantime. Also, by that time, my daughter Eva would have been able to join me in Munich a long time ago. If all that would have materialized I would have carried out no more assignments for Pospishil. I would not have had to do so, because Pospishil would have had no means with which to pressurize me any longer. I wish to emphasize right at this time that I made no efforts to be hired by the Foreign Office, I merely had them send me some application forms. Pospishil wanted me to bring these forms with me to the next meeting.

At this rendezvous Pospishil commissioned me to find out employees of Radio Free Europe. He told me to find out who resides on Franz-Josef Strasse, Gentsstrasse, Elisabeth-, Bismarck-, and Denningerstrasse. I no longer recall the numbers of these houses, which he also gave me. These houses are occupied by members of RFE. This time Pospishil gave me only DM 250. The next meeting was set for two months later.

In Munich, while taking my wife for a walk, I found out who lived at the Gentsowstrasse house. I copied the name plates underneath the doorbell. I believe that two or three houses on Gentsowstrasse are occupied by members of RFE. I established no more names before the second meeting so as not to get such a lot of new assignments for the next meeting. In other words, I stalled the other assignments. Moreover, I filed an application for a job with the Foreign Office in Bonn. Being aware of the fact that I ought to forward this application through channels I added a few sentences explaining why I did not send it through channels. The motives I stated at the time were that Bavarian authorities frown upon employees seeking service with a federal agency. The Bonn office sent me a letter with the policy directives and a 4-page form. I was to complete this form and return it along with two pictures and a personal history statement.

4th journey and 3rd meeting with Pospishil

Two months later, as per agreement, - it may have been in August 1954 - my wife and I again went to Vienna over a weekend. I again met Pospishil around 1900 hours at the Westbahnhof. While my wife again waited for me someplace, Pospishil and I went to a tavern where I gave him the list of names of RFE employees residing on Gentsowstrasse, and the letter and form I received from the Foreign Office. When asked why I did not find out the names of occupants of the other houses, I replied that I had no time to do so. I did not tell him, either, that I had copied these names off the name plates. I told him that getting these

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names was quite a problem. I was ordered to complete the form and mail it to the Foreign Office before the next meeting, two months later, and to find out who occupied the other houses. I again received DM 250 or 300. Pospishil pocketed the form and the policy directives, saying that he will return them to me at 9 a.m. next day. Pospishil probably wanted to photostat this form. Next day he returned it to me.

Shortly after I had returned from this rendezvous I received a letter from my daughter Eva in which she said that she did not care any more to return to Germany because she was engaged to be married. I did not believe it, presuming that Pospishil had something to do with it. This is why I wrote a letter to my sister-in-law Fanny Zakopcan, Bruenn, Tyralova ulice 18, at whose house Eva lived. Not only that my sister-in-law affirmed it, but I also got a letter from the fiance of my daughter and from his parents. Being positive now that Eva was disinterested in expatriation, I did not attend my next meeting with Pospishil. I did not carry out his assignments, either.

But I was not left alone very long, because Pospishil sent a man to see me before long, who introduced himself as Frantz. Frantz is a Czech who speaks good German. Frantz arrived at my house at 7 a.m. when I was just getting ready to go to my office. At that time Jaroslav Strouhal was just temporarily staying at my house. At that time he was already working for the Americans, he was a tailor at Henry or Warner Casern where he had also gotten a job for my wife, as a seamstress. As Strouhal also worked at home, and as he seldom met delivery dates, it frequently happened that customers came to see him at the house. When the doorbell rang that day and when Frantz entered, Strouhal hid in the bath, believing the man was a customer. This is how Strouhal learned that a Czech had come up from Vienna, because of Eva. I don't believe, though, that Strouhal knew of my relations with the CIC. I merely know that Strouhal told me on one occasion that I ought to report it to CIC. I cannot tell whether he did so at that time or later.

This Herr Frantz stated that Pospishil had sent him, and that I was to come to Vienna again. He also brought me a letter from my daughter Eva. The envelope had no cancellation mark. Frantz said that Pospishil had given him that letter. At that time I was pretty much put out and I told Frantz that I did not want to have any dealings with Pospishil as my daughter would not come here anyway. I did not even read the letter and sent it to the office. My wife and Frantz came to my Mariahilfsplatz office sometime before noon. My wife told me that Frantz wanted to have a word with me and that is why I stepped out into the hallway where Frantz was waiting for me. Frantz asked me to come with him to a tavern as he wanted to eat. We went to a tavern where he showed me a slip on which Pospishil asked me to come to Vienna without fail, in the interest of my daughter, and to make an appointment with Frantz at the same time. Frantz also said that not going to Vienna would be very unwise. I don't know whether I read the letter from Eva right then and there or only in the evening. It is a fact though that the letter contained nothing unusual. I made an appointment with Frantz for, I believe, the next weekend. Frantz also tried to give me DM 300 which I refused, however.

5th Journey to Vienna and 4th meeting with Pospishil

Next weekend, my wife and I boarded a train for Vienna. This journey may have taken place in August or September 1954. I met Pospishil at 1900 hours, at the Westbahnhof. In a tavern he told me that my daughter and Herr Vit had attempted to flee to Bavaria prior to our first meeting, in other words before I had gotten to know Pospishil, and that she had been caught in the act. She was still liable to prosecution. Pospishil stated summarily that I have time till 0900 hours next day to make up my mind, whether I should go on cooperating in the future. He would meet me at this time at the station. I believe I told my wife at the hotel. Next day I went to the rendezvous and consented to cooperate with Pospishil on condition that my daughter would be in Vienna in the near future. Pospishil promised that I would see my daughter at the next meeting in Vienna, which was set I believe for four weeks later. By that time I was required to complete such assignments as I had not carried out as yet. I don't know whether I again received DM 500 or whether Pospishil merely reimbursed me for my expenses.

After this meeting I found out who occupied the other RVE houses. I again prepared a list of names copied off the name plates. I did not carry out the assignment to mail the form to the Foreign Office, because I had thrown it away by that time. For that matter, I never seriously meant to apply for a job there.

6th Journey to Vienna and 5th meeting with Pospishil

Before we proceeded to this meeting I received a telegram from the fiancé of my daughter in the CSR in which he asked whether we were going to Vienna and whether we would meet Eva there. I referred to that in my first statement. I knew now for a fact that my daughter will be present at that meeting. My wife and I then went to this meeting, it may have been in September 1954. I want to state at this time that this meeting did not take place at the Westbahnhof as usual but at a cafe in another precinct, I don't know now in which. The meeting had been set for 2100 hours. It had been arranged with Pospishil that I would be at the cafe at the same time the next day if he would not be able to come there on the first day. That happened, because we waited in vain on the first day. We spent the night at a hotel near the cafe. Next day my wife and I took a stroll. While so doing we accidentally met Pospishil and Eva near the Opera House. She had taken Pospishil's arm and carried a bouquet of roses. She told us later that Pospishil had given her the roses. Later I learned that Pospishil was interested in Eva. Together we went to the house of one Herr Mirek located on the 5th floor of a dwelling near Schwarzenbergplatz. The apartment consisted of 4 rooms, also present was Frau Mirek and their daughter aged 7 or 8. Mirek offered us vodka and my wife and I were able to talk with Eva. It is true though that we were never alone with Eva so that I was not able to be frank with her. Only in the evening when we went dancing together I got an opportunity to ask Eva whether she actually had been apprehended on the border. As a matter of fact I had meant to take Eva to a major place which I knew from the time that I had been soldiering in Vienna, but Pospishil demurred and took us to an off-

best little place, where the only personnel were a pianist and a waiter. During a dance Eva told me that she had been apprehended and that her companion at the time, Kostiha, had been sentenced to forced labor in an Ostrava coal mine. She requested me to do whatever Pospishil wanted of me lest she, too, be sentenced. I promised I would do so. Eva was not allowed to go to the hotel with us, she was required to stay at Mirek's place. Next day, Pospishil, Eva and Mirek met us at our hotel and we went to Schoenbrunn. We spent the evening at the Prater. Next day we went shopping together, Pospishil bought Eva some shoes and dresses. Pospishil did not mention any assignments at this time, he merely made another appointment in two months, at 1900 hours at the Vienna Westbahnhof. As I still had not listed all occupants of the RFE houses, I was to complete this assignment by that time, and also attend to the application with the Foreign Office. I believe he gave me DM 300 and paid the hotel bill. Back in Munich I checked up on the occupants of the Denningerstrasse dwellings. I again copied their names off the name plates. I also prepared a list of names.

7th Journey to Vienna and 6th meeting with Pospishil

Two months after the last rendezvous my wife and I again went to Vienna. We met Pospishil at 1900 hours, at the Westbahnhof. In a tavern I gave Pospishil the list of names of RFE members I had brought with me. As regards to the application for a Foreign Office job I told Pospishil that I mailed the completed form, and that a decision will take quite some length of time. In reality, though I did not file the form but threw it away. I suggested that we discontinue our meetings pending my being hired by the Foreign Office. He did not go along with this proposal, he said he wanted to see me once every two months. I received some assignments at this meeting, I cannot tell, however, what. They probably pertained to Czech escapees. The next meeting was set for two months later. At the same time Pospishil told me to be at the Vienna Westbahnhof at 21 hours, if I was unable to be there at 1900 hours. Should this meeting not materialize, I was to be on the scene of the rendezvous at the same time on the day after. Should I fail to meet Pospishil even at that time, I was to attend the next meeting eight weeks later, in other words we did not set our meetings once every two months but in eight-week intervals so that each rendezvous would take place on a Saturday. Moreover, Pospishil and I made the following arrangement for an out-of-turn rendezvous: should Pospishil order me to come to Vienna out of turn I would get a card from the CSR, not a letter, signed Evusha (little Eva). He said that this card would not be written by my daughter. The card will be styled so that the next meeting will take place 10 days from the date of the postcard (the dateline, rather than the date of the cancellation mark) at the same place as the last meeting. Should I want an out-of-turn meeting I was to reverse the procedure and send a post-card to my daughter's address: Eva Novotny, Buhumain, Vrchlického 172. I was to write that I was going to send the down to back to her. This card would be the date of our meeting at the previous place. Pospishil told me that my daughter would not get this card as her mail was under surveillance and the card would be intercepted. I can state here and now that no such out-of-turn meeting ever took place. At the sixth meeting, Pospishil gave me, I believe, DM 250.

8th journey to Vienna and 7th meeting with Pospishil.

Eight weeks later, the time may have been January or February 1955, my wife and I again went to Vienna. I met Pospishil there as per stipulation. I probably turned in to him a report on several Czech emigrants. I cannot tell any longer who these people were, because I prepared several reports of this nature. My information on emigrants had largely been obtained in the course of talks with Czechs I knew, such as Strouhal, Bladek and Dvoracek. I had repeatedly met these people in taverns. Strouhal has also been coming to my house. They were not aware of my relations with Pospishil, such meetings were strictly by chance. Inasmuch, as all of them hailed from the CSR it goes without saying the talk was often dealt with Czech emigrants. My new assignments had again Czech emigrants as their target. Moreover, I was commissioned to prepare a sketch of the building of Radio Free Europe in Munich, and to describe the buildings. I guess that I again received DM 250 or 300 in the way of money. The next meeting was set for eight weeks later at Amstetten, Austria, not in Vienna. The rendezvous was to take place at 1900 hours at the railway station, Pospishil commenting that meeting invariably at the same place might become conspicuous. After this meeting I surveyed the RFE buildings at the Englischer Garten, and at home I made a sketch. I also described the individual parts of the building. I also prepared another report about Czech emigrants. As I happened to read a story in a newspaper about 2 Czechs who had run afoul of the law I also prepared a report on that subject. It is true though that I did not tell Pospishil that I copied the story off a newspaper.

9th journey to Amstetten and 8th meeting with Pospishil

As per agreement, my wife and I proceeded to the Amstetten meeting, probably in April or May 1955. I met Pospishil at the railway station. I gave him the sketch and description of Radio Free Europe, and the aforementioned report. He again evinced interest in my application with the Foreign Office. I told him that the Foreign Office will first check up on me with my present employer (Office of the Prosecutor Munich I). I don't recall what assignments I received at that time. I believe they pertained to Czech emigrants. I asked Pospishil whether a warrant of arrest was still out for me in the CSR. I had learned while a POW, that a warrant had been issued against me in the CSR. Pospishil did not know, but he said that he would look it up. At the same time I asked him not to have the warrant vacated if it still was in force and effect. I stand corrected, it was Pospishil who said that we had better not vacate the warrant so that I would have no alibi should I ever get suspicious over here. I again received some 250 or 300 DM. The next meeting was again set for Amstetten, this time four months later instead of eight weeks. I did not spend the night at Amstetten, I returned home that same day.

2nd journey to Amstetten and 9th meeting with Pospishil

On the second journey, my wife and I proceeded to the second meeting at Amstetten. I guess that I again gave Pospishil a report on some emigrants. Pospishil instructed

me to find out whether the RFE receptionist was armed. I don't know why he was interested in this information; he did not exchange of the subject. The next meeting was set for 1900 hours in front of the Linz railway station, eight weeks from that day. On this occasion I again received roughly 300 Bk. I did not spend the night at Mautstetten either.

I did not have to carry out the assignment - find out whether the RFE receptionist was armed - because I had been there sometime ago with a Czech - I believe it was Strouhal or Dvoracek - who had some business with RFE. Hence, I knew what the score was.

1st journey to Linz and 10th meeting with Jospinshil

In or about August 1938, my wife and I attended the meeting at Linz. At this time I reported to Jospinshil that the RFE receptionist was armed, and that he carried a rubber truncheon. I told him I did not find out whether he carried a gun, but I did find out he carried a gun. I also turned in a report on Czech emigrants on that occasion. This time I again received the same amount of money as the previous time. The next meeting was set for eight weeks later at a Vienna restaurant. I don't recall what assignment I received that time.

2nd journey to Vienna and 11th meeting with Jospinshil

Probably in early October 1938, I again went to Vienna to attend the meeting. My wife again accompanied me. I no longer recall what accomplished mission I reported, and what new assignment I was given at that meeting. Maybe I told Jospinshil at the time that the court system was built up and what positions were available. In fact, Jospinshil had given me such an assignment on a previous occasion. I don't recall whether I had such an assignment before or after that time. I gave him the names of the judges of the Municipal Courts. I also gave the names of the presiding judges of the Municipal Courts. I stated corrected, I did not give him the plan, I gave these judges out of the Law Calendar and turned them in to Jospinshil. Eventually may purchase the Law Calendar. Hence, I don't recall what assignment I received from Jospinshil about my job with the foreign office. But I was able to stall him for a long time. I don't know any more what assignment I received from Jospinshil on that occasion. The next meeting was set for four months later because Jospinshil was busy then. I again received the same amount.

3rd journey to Vienna and 12th meeting with Jospinshil

Four months later - probably in mid-January or early February 1939 - my wife and I proceeded to the meeting in Vienna. As I said before, I no longer recall what assignment I reported, and what new assignment I was given at that meeting. I don't recall what assignment I received from Jospinshil on that occasion.

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to bring bigger things. He asked me what job I was doing at that time. When I told him that I was currently engaged in sorting out files, he asked whether I could get him some identifications contained in those files. When I retorted that those were ancient files which would not interest him, he said that I had better see to it that I procure some recent identifications. When I said that would not be easy, he cursed and said that he was also required to account for it, and that I must not forget what he had done for Eva. The next meeting was set for eight weeks later in Vienna. This time I again received from Pospishil some 250-300 DM.

11th Journey to Vienna and 13th meeting with Pospishil

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In March or April 1956, my wife and I attended this meeting. On that occasion I turned over to Pospishil a certificate of baptism, a death certificate, and 2 birth certificates. I took these instruments out of the files of the Office of the Prosecutor Munich I, which I was sorting out. The said instruments would rather have been destroyed or transmitted to the Government Archives. Each instrument belonged to another person and were issued in the period from 1900 to 1907 or 1908. I merely wanted to show these instruments to Pospishil in order to satisfy him that I was currently handling only ancient records, which were of no use to him. However, I was very amazed when he took and kept them. I was unable to procure such identifications as Pospishil wanted me to get him, and if I would have had a chance to do so I would not have done it. I don't know what assignment I was given at this time. I again received some 250 DM.

12th Journey to Vienna and 14th meeting with Pospishil

I attended this meeting in May or June 1956. My wife accompanied me as she always did. It is a forgone conclusion that I did accomplish some mission, it is a fact though that I don't recall what that mission was. Probably, I merely had to find out some addresses. The new assignment probably also revolved around some addresses. The next meeting was set as usual - for eight weeks later. I again received the amount of 250 or 300 DM.

13th Journey to Vienna and 15th meeting with Pospishil

I proceeded to this meeting in July or August 1956. I wish to state that I proceeded to all meetings since 1955, in my car which I had bought in the meantime. My wife again was present at that meeting. I waited for Pospishil both at 19 and 21 hours. He arrived at neither time. Around 22 hours Mirek suddenly came to our hotel room - we stayed at the Hotel Seesh - and told me to be at a certain place the next morning. He told me the name of the place but I forgot it. I wish to state that on that evening when Mirek came to our hotel, when I had failed to meet Pospishil, I had gone to Schwarzenbergplatz and looked for Mirek's house, where I had been when I saw my daughter. I found it and rang the doorbell, but I did not get an answer. I then went to the next house and rang the doorbell. I did not get an answer. I wish to state that I had a small talk with the janitor a short while later. When she opened the door and when I told her that I wanted to see Herr Mirek or the people living up there, she became abusive and made uncomplimentary remarks about Mirek or the people up there. She called them "rabble" or some such name.

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When asked what name was on the name plate on the door, I must say that I don't know that any more. I am positive, though, that the name was neither German nor Slavic. I believe the name on the name plate was French. I am also positive that I made no mistake as to the apartment, it was the same apartment where I had been with my daughter at the time. Pospishil rebuked me next morning for having called at Mirek's house. He also inquired where I had parked my car. When I told him that I had parked it right in front of the house, he became even more upset, being afraid that there was a stakeout at this house, and that my license plate had been taken down. Pospishil stated that Vienna has become a hot place, Switzerland, however, was still quiet and this is why we shall shift our meetings to Switzerland. He made the next appointment for, I believe, 12 and 21 hours three months later in front of a Zurich movie. I no longer recall the name of that theater. He also stated that he would not be able to attend in person any more, I would meet another man there. He would accost me, asking me about Mozartplatz or the Mozart monument, where I would reply with a sentence which would also contain the name Mozart, such as "I don't know Mozartplatz, or I can take you to the Mozart monument." I no longer recall what assignment I received and what assignment I had carried out at the last meeting in Vienna. I again received an amount of DM 300 or so.

1st Journey to Zurich and 16th meeting with Pospishil

At the specified time - it might have been in October 1956 - I drove to Zurich. I again took my wife with me to that place. I was waiting at the specified place, and it came as a surprise when I saw Pospishil in person. He was alone. He did not state why he had come in person. I don't recall what material I had brought him, probably some addresses I had found out. He took me to a tavern in Zurich where we talked. He became insistent about my application for a foreign office job. As I was unable to stall him any longer, I told him that I had been turned down. He wanted to see the notification of rejection. As I had none, I told him I had been notified verbally through my office. He gave me a few names on which I was to check on, pending our next meeting. He gave me DM 350. The next meeting was set for Einsiedeln, Switzerland, where I was to meet him at 19 hours, eight weeks later, at a tavern (whose name I no longer recall). I did not spend the night at Zurich because it was too expensive, we went to Niterthur.

Journey to Einsiedeln and 22nd meeting with Pospishil

My wife and I, in my car, drove to this meeting, precisely in December 1956. I guess I turned in to Pospishil some addresses I had checked on. Pospishil took me on the carpet, saying that I must be able to produce entirely different things in my capacity as Inspector of the Judiciary Service. He said he had received instructions from Vienna to look my general and relations to Vienna for evaluation. He also stated that he was going to be sent to the police department and the courts, including the office of the prosecutor, in Munich handle treason and related cases. Then I told him that I still need time to do so,

he set the next meeting for 3 or 4 months later at Frauenfeld, Switzerland. At that time I was to be at the tavern "Zum Kreuz" at 1900 hours. I received no money at that time, he said that he could disburse it only after completion of the mission and after clearance by Prague. He merely paid my expenses.

Journey to Frauenfeld and 18th meeting with Pospisil

I believe I drove to this meeting in my car in March 1957. As always, my wife accompanied me. I had not accomplished the mission I had been assigned to, in fact I did not even try to find out such people. I met Pospisil, as per appointment, at the tavern "Zum Kreuz". I was amazed when he did not say a word when I told him that I failed to carry out my last assignment. I told him that I wanted to have nothing to do with the police and The Office for the Protection of the Constitution. When I am asked whether I made a report on the prosecutors and courts which handle such cases, I wish to state that I told Pospisil nothing about any one who handles treason cases.

I sidetracked Pospisil by telling him that one Binar, a man who had been interned in the CSR for 12 years, had asked me to sign an affidavit attesting that he had worked for the Fischnovitz County Commissioner's Office before the end of the war, and that he had been appointed Antzmann. I asked Pospisil whether I could give Binar such an affidavit. Pospisil promptly evinced interest in Binar and wanted to see Binar's letter. I merely showed him the envelope. I did not show him the letter because I did not want Binar to get in trouble. Pospisil told me to find out whether one Klopfer or Klopfer had a criminal record, and if so, what. He also wanted to know where my wife worked at that time. I told him she was a seamstress employed at Henry Gerns. He made a note of that on a newspaper which he carried. The next meeting was set for Winterthur, some 3 or 4 months later at 1900 hours in front of the railway station. Pospisil gave me only 150 DM this time.

The interrogation was interrupted at 1745 hours.

Journey to Winterthur and 19th meeting with Pospisil

In or about June 1957, my wife and I traveled to Winterthur in my car to attend the meeting as per appointment. I told Pospisil that Dr. Klopfer had no record. I told him that I did not check up on the personal data of Klopfer. Pospisil then asked me the question found on the slip listed as item 1 on the list of seized property. I cannot explain how this slip with assignments I-11 got into the hands of the police. As it is, I got this slip neither from Pospisil nor from any other person. As I said, I made a note of this on a newspaper which I carried. The next meeting was set for Winterthur, some 3 or 4 months later at 1900 hours in front of the railway station.

Back in Munich, I tried to carry out the assignments received as best I could.

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I wish to correct this statement in so far as I did not take any action in connection with these assignments because I was familiar with several points.

2nd journey to Zurich and 20th meeting with Pospishil

In August 1957, my wife and I drove to Zurich in my car and attended the meeting. Before I went to the rendezvous I went to a Zurich tavern and prepared a report on the assignments I had received. I wish to state at this time that I did not write down anything concerning items 2, 3, 4, and 5, as I was not familiar with these matters. Item 3 will reveal that I had already turned in to Pospishil police-registration forms. That may have happened some six months before. I bought these forms at a stationary store.

I did not carry out item 6 either. I was to go to Augsburg and find out which firm manufactured stamping machine F 64, where Binar worked, and what job he had. I stated in my report that I did not carry out this assignment for want of time.

In regard to item 7, I stated in my report that Henry Casern is on Ingolstaedterstrasse. I had not specifically gone out to Henry Casern because I knew the locale owing to the fact that I was daily taking my wife and Strohal out there, and picking them up again in the evening when they were leaving their work.

I have known Malschek, item 9, for some 3-4 years, he used to work for EFK. I also reported on him.

Item 10 referred to 3 functionaries of the GDR ice-hockey team which played a match in Munich at the time.

(Note of the interrogator: These assignments will be dealt with in detail in a later statement).

Having completed this report, I attended the meeting with Pospishil and turned it in to him. Pending the next meeting at Geneva in November or December 1957 at 1900 hours in front of the railway station, I was told to procure several catalogues of cameras (Voigtlaender and Agfa). This time I again received only DM 250.

On 1 September 1957, my daughter Eva visited Munich. She had filed the application a year before. She had come alone and stayed 26 days. I asked Eva whether Pospishil had repeatedly seen her. She said that Pospishil had come to see her only once during her visit of Vienna, but it was true that she had his telephone number and was able to contact him any time there was an emergency. I don't know what the phone number was. She said that she maintained no contact with Pospishil since she had married, she had merely called him up on one occasion before she got married, when her fiancé was charged with having stolen a top coat at the university and when he was barred from further study. Pospishil had intervened and the fiancé was released. She said that she had also been in contact with Pospishil in the form of a letter to the effect that she was coming from Vienna, in a letter addressed to Pospishil.

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I paid for the car. It was a legitimate deal, I got an export permit from the Government for Upper Bavaria, so that Pospisil had nothing to do with it. My daughter also asked me whether I was still maintaining relations with Pospisil and whether I was still going to Vienna. I told her that while I was no longer going to Vienna, I was now going to Switzerland. I also asked her, whether she felt she would be in jeopardy if I severed these relations. She said that nothing could happen to her now that she was married and an expectant mother. I asked her to request Pospisil to sever relations with me because my health would not allow me to go on. She promised to see Pospisil. When Eva arrived, I picked her up in my car at Schirnding and when she returned I again took her there.

Journey to Geneva and 21st meeting with Pospisil

My wife and I attended this meeting, I believe in November or December 1957. I gave Pospisil the catalogue he had asked for. He told me to select one of the cameras. I declined, saying that I had a camera of my own, an Alfa Isolette. He did not say in so many words that I would have to take any pictures but I so surmised. This is why I did not want Pospisil to give me a camera.

Pospisil then gave me the following assignment which I am going to relate verbatim:

"You will now go to Her-Din, do you know where that is? (I affirmed.) There you will find two taverns near the railway station which you will consider suitable, and you will describe these places to me at the next meeting. (I asked why.) Pospisil: You will meet a police officer there, whose father lives in the town and wants his son to cooperate with us. The son is married, Pospisil: I shall tell you what he looks like, I shall introduce you to him, and you will go to his home once every fortnight, take from him questionnaires, diverse papers and other material and bring it to me. (I was also to ask him - that is the policeman - why he had not sent anything lately).

When asked to describe the likeness of the policeman as portrayed on the picture I wish to state the following: The picture was probably a reproduction because its contours were blurred. The picture was probably taken from the roadside, the officer was in uniform, he was squatting. Behind him was a motorcycle, I believe a BMW. He wore a visored helmet, dark colored, probably a white cap. It is hard to estimate his age from the picture, he may be anywhere between 35 and 45. The coat of his uniform may have been a leather jacket. I saw no rank insignia. The circumstances would indicate that he might be a traffic cop. Pospisil did not tell the name of this officer. This is all the description I can give. I also recall that there were two children on the picture, one standing, one perhaps sat, in front of the officer. I do not recollect any other persons. The lower portion of the picture is not visible. In the best of my recollection this officer was slender. I cannot tell his height because, as I said before, he was squatting. Then I asked

Pospishil why this policeman did not personally come to see him, he replied that the man had made it a condition that he take no trips abroad.

This time Pospishil gave me DM 250 and set the next meeting for St. Gallen at 1900 hours, in January or February 1958, at the railway station. Although I accepted this assignment from Pospishil without protest I did not go to New-Ulm. I did not want to have anything to do with this project, if for no other reason that I did not want to be at the mercy of a third party.

1st Journey to St. Gallen and 2nd meeting with Pospishil

In January or February 1958, as per appointment, I and my wife went to St. Gallen to attend the meeting. At the time I told Pospishil that I did not carry out the assignment concerning the New-Ulm policeman because I wanted to have nothing to do with this project. I also told him that I wished to sever my relations with him. I stated that my health was the motive thereof. I also kept complaining to Pospishil that I felt I was under surveillance. He said that he will take a look at this matter but that I would have to attend another meeting. He did not give me an assignment this time. I received DM 250. The next meeting was set for St. Gallen in March or April 1958.

2nd Journey to St. Gallen and 23rd meeting with Pospishil

In March or April 1958, my wife and I again went to St. Gallen. I met Pospishil at the railway station at 1900 hours, and he assigned me to writing 3 letters to my daughter Eva by the next day, with an irrelevant contents. He told me that my daughter will not get these letters, that they will be processed in the CSR, forwarded to him, and then will be mailed in Germany. I wrote these letters and gave them to Pospishil the next day. The letters were not sealed. Following instructions, I gave them to Pospishil unsealed. He set the next meeting for 1900 hours in January or February 1959 at the St. Gallen railway station. Pospishil gave me DM 250.

3rd Journey to St. Gallen and 1st meeting with a stranger

In January 1959, my wife and I went to St. Gallen as per appointment, to attend the meeting with Pospishil. At 1900 hours, as per appointment, I stood in front of the railway station, when a stranger suddenly greeted me: "Good evening, Herr Darmopil". Then I asked him how come that he knew me, he replied that he had seen my picture but he believed I would be fatter. He said we should not keep standing here, but depart to a tavern. As my wife was with me, I introduced her to him. My wife left and the stranger and I went to a cafe near the station. I first asked why the other man had not come. I did not mention the name Pospishil on purpose. He said that Pospishil had some problems connected with his duties, but that he would probably soon be able to come again. I wanted to learn his name, but he said he would not tell me. In order to be able to find him, I asked him to tell me what arrangements I had made with Pospishil at the last

meeting. He said, yes, the point was my security. Seeing that he was in the know I felt I could trust him. The unidentified man told me that he would have to make some more checks concerning my security and asked me to get some addresses for his pending the next meeting. I then made some notes - (see item 2, List of Seized Property). He also gave me a slip containing five typed addresses (see items 3 and 4, List of Seized Property). The next meeting was set for Zurich, Cafe Edward near the station, on 18 or 25 April. I received either 250 or 300 RM.

Till the next meeting I merely found two addresses which I copied from the telephone directory. I also carried out one point as stated on 2 June 1959.

3rd Journey to Zurich and 2nd meeting with the stranger

I believe my wife and I went to this meeting on 25 April 1959. I met the stranger as previously stated at the Cafe Edward in Zurich. I gave him the two addresses I had found, and I reported to him the Roeder case as I already stated on 29 June 1959. The new meeting was set, we stipulated that I will either go to the meeting or, as I previously stated, or that I would write a post-card to him. He said I would fix a rendezvous. He said I should speak with Fragne and find out whether I would be required to go on or whether I would be allowed to remain in the country. Yet he gave me the slip with the addresses, item 1 of the List of Seized Property. I was to check up on these addresses and bring them to the next, as yet unscheduled, meeting. I received DM 100 and I have not had any word from him ever since.

This narration is a reconstruction of the events which transpired from March 1954 to this day, it was made to the best of my recollection. The period covers more than five years. The facts were related truthfully, the dates of the individual events were only estimated and are merely approximations. Therefore I am able to give accurate dates only concerning the first three meetings, and those only in the strictest sense of the word. My memory is fresher in regard to the first three meetings.

Read and approved:
s/ J. Darmopil

Taken by:
s/ Bohmmer, KM

Recorded: Bauer, clerk

Note: The assignments as listed on the List of Seized Property will be clarified in detail in the course of subsequent interrogations.

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MUNICIPAL COURT MUNICH
The Committing Magistrate
at Police Headquarters

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Munich, 24 June 1959

RECORD OF PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

in the Case Johann DARMOPIL,

charged with treason

In Attendance:
Judge Mirus,
Comm. Magistrate

Deputy Registrar
Mundigl

Having been produced from the police jail, Munich, Ettstrasse, the accused made a statement under the provisions of sect. 136 Code of Criminal Procedure:

Personal data: Johann Darmopil, born 20 December 1908 in Tischnowitz, CSR, other personal data submitted.

Facts of the case: The statements I made to the Criminal Police today and yesterday (up to and including p. 9 of this transcript) are true and correct. To the extent revealed in the said transcript, I admit now and here before the judge that I maintained relations with the GIB.

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WARRANT OF ARREST

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be issued.

There is reason to believe that the accused maintained, since March 1954, treasonable relations with the Intelligence Service of the Czechoslovak Republic in violation of section 100 of German Penal Code. Detention pending trial will be, and hereby is, ordered because there is danger of escape in view of the relations of the accused with Austria and the GDR. Moreover, under the circumstances there is danger of collusion pending the conclusion of the investigation.

The accused was advised of the warrant of arrest at 1630 hours.

He was advised of his right to appeal from this warrant, and to file a motion for a hearing in lieu of appeal under the provisions of sect. 114 d Code of Criminal Procedure.

I want the following persons to be notified of my having been arrested:

Nobody. My wife has been so notified.

He further stated:

At this time I shall not file an appeal from this warrant.

Read:

s/ Johann Schmepf, accused

Mandigle, deputy registrar

s/ Illegible, judge

Received in solitary confinement.

TO: Office of the Prosecutor Munich I.

s/ illegible, Committing Magistrate

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Section I

Att'n: Chief State Attorney Dr. Knapp
or his deputy

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25 June 1959

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JOSEPH DARMOPIL, married, inspector of the judiciary service,
born 20 December 1908 at Tischenowitz, at present in custody pending
trial on charges of treasonable relations.

Annex:

The Darmopil file, altogether 20 pages.

Inclosed please find the Darmopil file. The Committing Magistrate of the
Munich Municipal Court signed a warrant for arrest on 24 June 1959, docket
ER Pol. Gs 2493/59. He did not appeal from the warrant.

Investigations will be continued. The seized documents will remain in the
custody of this office for further evaluation.

e/ Bauer, oberamtman, Crim. Police

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Office of the Prosecutor Munich I
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Annex:

copy of the Darmopil file
15 pages.

Inclosed please find the Darmopil file which you may keep at your office.
A warrant for his arrest was signed on 24 June 1959, by the Committing
Magistrate of the Munich Municipal Court, docket # LR Pol. Gs 2493/59. He
did not appeal from the warrant.

a/ Baner, Oberamtman, Crim. Police

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